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A NECESSARY CORRECTION IN THE
NOMENCLATURE OF WATER-STRIDERS
(HEMIPTERA)

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In a recent number of the Proceedings (1957, 70:111), I proposed the name *Tachygonus* as a new genus for the reception of the American water-striders heretofore classified as members of the African genus *Tenagogonus* Stal (1855). Through the kindness of Dr. R. L. Wenzel of the Chicago Museum of Natural History, my attention has been called to the fact that *Tachygonus* is preoccupied by a genus of Coleoptera (*Tachygonus* Schoenherr 1833, Gen. et Sp. Curc. (1):6, 111), and thus is a homonym. On this account I am here substituting the name *Tachygerris*, new name for the Neotropical water-striders which I had previously assigned to to the genus *Tachygonus* Drake (not Schoenherr). The type species of the genus is *Tachygerris adamsoni* (Drake) (desc. as *Tenagogonus*). *Tenagogonus duolineatus* Kuitert is a synonym of *T. adamsoni*. In addition to *adamsoni* the genus *Tachygerris* comprises *T. celocis* (Drake and Harris), *T. opacus* (Champion), *T. quadrilineatus* (Champion) and *T. spinulosus* (Kuitert).

